GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3666
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PENSIONERS OF CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether OM dated 17th December, 1998 had directed that no pensioner, irrespective of the date of his retirement would be paid pension less than the minimum admissible to him at the minimum of the revised scale of pay for the post held by him before retirement;

(b) whether the issuance of subsequent OM No. 45-86/97-P&PW(A) dated 11th May, 2001 has led to denial of aforesaid benefit to the pensioners of Survey of India and various Central Engineering Services; and

(c) the reasons for issuance of the second OM and contradiction between the two?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a),(b) & (c): An O.M. was issued on 17th December, 1998 to revise pension of all pensioners irrespective of the date of retirement, to 50% of the minimum pay in the revised scale of pay, introduced w.e.f. 1.1.1996, of the last post held by the pensioner. The term `post` in O.M. dated 17.12.1998 was clarified vide O.M. dated 11th May 2001.Since `post` is always related to a pay scale, the term `post ` was clarified so as to be related to the corresponding scale of pay actually enjoyed by the pensioner at the time of his superannuation. There is no contradiction in these two OMs, as OM dated 11.5.01 is clarificatory in nature. This clarificatory OM is not intended to deny benefits of revision of pension to any specific group of pensioners.